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**COPY OF SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment originally filed on October 27, 2006 and submitted to Anita Johnson, USPTO Examiner, via fax no. 571-270-9845 as per Anita Johnson's request. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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